

CLUB MEMBERS TO BOOST MISSOURI

MEMBERSHIP OF BODIES SHOW APPROXIMATELY 50,000 LIVE WIRES.

HOPE TO BRING IN CAPITAL

The Southeast Federation is Particularly Active and is Booming "Missouri Products" Exhibit in October.

Jefferson City.

Information gathered by the bureau of labor statistics, given out for publication by Commissioner John T. Fitzpatrick is to the effect that there are approximately 450 commercial clubs and similar associations in Missouri affiliated with the Federation of Missouri Commercial Clubs, which daily exploit and otherwise promulgate the advantages, resources and opportunities of the communities to which they belong. Returns on membership indicate that these organizations have approximately 50,000 "live wire boosters," who overlook no chance to attract capitalists, manufacturers and desirable settlers to the state.

The Southeast Missouri Federation of Commercial Clubs, a wholly distinct organization, is affiliated with the Federation of Missouri Commercial Clubs, and so are leagues and clubs in St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph.

Approximately 9,000 Missouri "boosters" belong to the Southeast Federation of Commercial Clubs.

The Southeast Missouri Federation of Commercial Clubs recently issued a bulletin which gives the premium list of the Missouri products exhibit to be held in Cape Girardeau at the close of October. The slogan is: "Southeast Missouri, the Land of Opportunities." The leaflet is appropriately illustrated and gives full information concerning the coming events which are to happen in Cape Girardeau at the same time. A feature of the Missouri Products Exhibit is a gathering of Southeast Missouri women who are as deeply interested as their fathers, husbands and brothers in properly developing that portion of Missouri.

First Land Bank.

Missouri has the opportunity to be the first in the establishment of a land bank, and thus lead the United States in a movement that soon is to be nationwide.

The Gardner plan is the result of a careful investigation into the working of land credit systems in Europe where the farmers have long and easy, long-time loans. It embodies the good features of these systems, adapted to conditions in this country.

The putting into effect of the plan will put an entirely different aspect on farm life. No longer will the farmer have to put up with the inadequate farm facilities, inconvenient homes and other handicaps that make the boy and girl hike out for the bright lights in the cities as soon as they are old enough.

With the farm bank in working order, the farmer will borrow money to equip his farm and will not have to worry about the mortgage. It will do away with the present system of paying interest and having the principal left. The interest and principal are paid right along together, plenty of time being given for the payments.

The loans run from five to twenty-five years as the borrower chooses; he will be absolutely out of the clutch of the money lender and will find himself in a frame of mind that should take all the worry away. He, of course, would have to pay, but he wouldn't be at the mercy of someone's whim.

Take for instance a loan of \$1,000. The farmer by the payment of \$65 a year could have the free use of that amount for 25 years, and when the time is up, instead of having to pay the \$1,000, he finds himself entirely out of debt. The \$65 has eaten up the mortgage, principal, interest and all.

Pensions Ready July 1.

Preparations are being made in the office of State Auditor Jno. P. Gordon for sending out the quarterly pension checks July 1 to the Confederate veterans who are on the state pension roll. There are 1,547 names on the list, and as each receives three months' pay at \$10 a month the total required aggregates \$49,410.

Writ Returnable in October.

The Missouri supreme court issued an alternative quo warranto writ to oust the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange from the state. The writ is made returnable in October.

Wife on the Pay Roll.

State Auditor Gordon has made public the report of the expert accountants audit of his department which was made to the house investigating committee.

The report says that Mrs. Gordon wife of the auditor, had been paid \$2,860 for services during the biennial period and contained the comment that she was not observed in the place while the audit was being made.

The accountants said they had asked the auditor about this and he said she performed her work at home.

Mrs. Gordon got \$1,200 in 1913 as option stamp clerk and \$1,650 as utility clerk in 1914.

The report found that the expenses of the office increased from \$49,265 in 1911 and 1912 to \$55,732 in 1913 and 1914, and that the receipts for the same period increased from \$12,937 to \$29,815.

The salaries paid to clerks during 1911 and 1912 amounted to \$47,000 the report says, and for 1913-1914 to \$52,543.

The report found that Olga Meals, railroad clerk for the auditor, had been paid \$150 a month for that service and a per diem of \$5 additional for each day in 1914 while the board of equalization was in session.

The accountants were unable to discover the duties of one clerk, this being W. T. Brown. The auditor said he was busy every day at his desk. Brown is option stamp clerk and gets \$150 per month.

Gordon in a formal statement declared that the desk held by his wife performs more service than any other and that he would never permit any member of his family to draw pay except for services rendered.

He said the accountants misstated the facts about Brown and seemed to be trying to dig up something but had failed.

"Every penny collected they had to find was accounted for and they had also to find that the receipts had increased."

Lack of Money Halts Interurban.

There is no immediate hope of the extension of the trolley or interurban field in Missouri, according to the views of Congressman McKinley of Urbana, Ill., head of the "McKinley System" of Illinois. He is largely interested in Missouri public utilities and is in the capital to inspect his holdings.

At a dinner given him at the Central Hotel by the Commercial Club, Mr. McKinley said:

"To build railways requires cash. Local money cannot be obtained in sufficient sums for large enterprises. It must be obtained from the older states, where the large wealth has accumulated. In order to get it for public utilities the owners must be encouraged to invest it through liberal laws and good rates of interest."

Added to the difficulty of financing railroad propositions in Missouri, he declares that the law forbidding a foreign corporation from holding in excess of 10 per cent of the stock of a Missouri corporation is practically a bar to the promotion of such enterprises.

"I do not hesitate to say," he continued, "that if that law were repealed or declared unconstitutional it would be a great help to the development of the state."

Governor Works on Roads.

Governor Major led the assault on bad roads with a company of 25 convicts and four teams of mules and a motor truck from the penitentiary. He was accompanied by Speaker Champ Clark.

The governor wore a pair of jeans trousers, a straw hat of the Mexican sombrero type and a blue shirt, with a blue bandana handkerchief about his neck.

The governor's party hauled gravel to fill up the holes on the drive to the to the country club. He announced that instead of working four consecutive days at this time, they will work two days now and postpone further operations until later in the summer, as farmers are already beginning to harvest their wheat.

Reports from Montgomery and Kansas City said the work had been held up there on account of rains.

Allen Clerk Again.

J. D. Allen of Butler was re-elected clerk of the supreme court for a term of six years. He was elected four years ago to fill out the unexpired term of the late John R. Green.

Lightning Fires Blair Home.

In a thunderstorm recently the home of Judge James T. Blair of the supreme court at the capital city was struck by lightning and set on fire. None of the family were injured.

Gordon Shows Savings.

The state auditor declares that when all the savings and increased receipts from his office are totaled up the books will show a net gain to the taxpayers of \$170,705.

Of the 161 applicants who were examined by the state board of Bar Examiners at the semi-annual session four were women. There were also two negroes.

HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

Richard Bartholdt of St. Louis, for twenty-two years representative in congress from the Tenth Missouri district, may become a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator. W. S. Dickey and former Gov. Herbert S. Hadley probably will be candidates also.

H. R. Deighton, 38 years old, superintendent of the quarry from which the stone for the new Missouri capitol is being taken at Carthage, was electrocuted while working with a motor which had grounded.

The 1,000th student has enrolled for the summer session of the University of Missouri. She is Miss Nellie Martin of Odessa, a former student of Vanderbilt university. The total for the session now is 1,034, the largest in its history.

The Gravois bank of St. Louis county outside the St. Louis city limits was robbed of \$5,000 after the cashier had been locked in a vault. The robbers put the telephone service of the bank out of commission and escaped.

Rev. Robert Graham Frank, pastor of the Christian church in Liberty, has declined the call to the presidency of William Woods college of Fulton.

What is said to be the largest United States flag in America was presented to the city of St. Louis during the flag day celebration. The flag is 150x78 feet and weighs 400 pounds. It was given to the city by the Million Population club.

After being imprisoned for five days in a mine at Neck City, as a result of a cave-in four of the six men entombed were rescued alive only slightly injured. It is believed the other two, which were swept down with the flood of water and mud, perished. However, rescuers are hard at work in an effort to save them if alive, or recover their bodies.

A. D. Hatten, vice president of the closed Mineral Belt bank, has become personally responsible for the payment of all funds to depositors by the purchase of all the property of the bank.

Joseph A. Ward, 75 years old, a pioneer resident of Springfield, is dead. Mr. Ward had been night merchant policeman there for many years. He was a Civil war veteran.

Accused of the embezzlement of more than \$100,000 from clients, Oscar Smith, a lawyer of Chillicothe, Mo., was arrested in a Philadelphia hotel by the manager of a detective agency in that city, assisted by local officers.

The Tahoma lead and zinc mine, six miles south of Cole Camp, Benton county, which has been idle for several years, is to resume operations at once. F. C. Bryant of Joplin is to be the superintendent.

Thomas McClintock, a farmer, rode a horse into a flooded pasture near Pleasant Hill and was drowned when his horse stepped into water fifteen feet deep. McClintock could not swim. The body was recovered.

The summer season of the University of Missouri opened with an enrollment indicating a record attendance. The total enrollment last year was 935. Probably more than 1,000 will enter this year.

By a vote of 15 to 1 Drexel, a town of 750 inhabitants, signified its willingness to issue bonds for its own electric light plant. The plant will be constructed at once.

The golden wedding anniversary of Judge and Mrs. C. E. Elliott at Oronogo was celebrated recently. Judge Elliott was one of the men who laid out the original townsite of Joplin.

Frank K. Kidd, 74 years old, a widely known farmer and ex-Confederate soldier under Morgan, was found dead at his home near Sedalia the other morning.

Alice, the 3-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cragg, living twelve miles northeast of Rich Hill, near Spruce, fell into a well recently and was drowned.

James R. Major, 90 years old, father of the governor of Missouri, underwent a surgical operation for the removal of his left arm at Sedalia. He had been suffering from a malignant growth. Physicians said his condition is favorable.



Canada is Calling You to her Rich Wheat Lands

She extends to Americans a hearty invitation to settle on her FREE Homestead lands of 160 acres each or secure some of the low priced lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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The Government this year is asking farmers to put increased acreage into grain. Military service is not compulsory in Canada. There is no conscription and no war tax on lands. The climate is healthful and agreeable, railway facilities excellent, good schools and churches convenient. Write for literature and particulars as to reduced railway rates to Superintendent Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or to

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SAW NO REASON FOR SPEED

Some Food for Thought in Epigram Made by Moroccan Statesman About the Lusitania.

The sinking of the Lusitania recalls an epigram about this ship which the sultan of Morocco's grand vizier made to Jules Huret.

The grand vizier, a very old man, received M. Huret, who is a French journalist, in Fez. M. Huret described the wonders of modern science and invention to his host. He told him about the Lusitania, then just completed, which could do her 27 knots an hour. "Think of it!" said M. Huret, enthusiastically. "Think of it! A great ship that goes 27 knots an hour!"

But the vizier yawned and said: "Why do you Christians always want to go so fast, when all roads alike lead to the grave?"

From Ancient History.

Biggs—I wonder who originated the mother-in-law joke?

Diggs—Our old friend Noah, I believe.

Biggs—How do you figure it out?

Diggs—After building the ark, he failed to take her in out of the wet.

Worse Things to Talk About.

"Human pride takes curious forms."

"For instance?"

"I know a man who never tires of bragging about his patent garbage can, for which he paid \$6.50."

Color Change.

"Your new assistant is blue over his work."

"I guess that is because he is so green about it."

Accounts for It.

"I say money is trouble."

"Maybe that is why people are so fond of borrowing trouble."

A man is too credulous when his only reason for believing a thing is that his grandfather said it was so.

Loving a woman is not the important thing. Getting along with her after marriage is the important thing.

He Was Heap Careful.

Said a western mining man at the Astor hotel in New York city the other day, according to the Times: "We have a bachelors' mess in the mining camp where I'm located, and we usually have a Chinaman to do the cooking. Some of the Orientals are fine cooks, after they get over a few of the peculiar ideas they have imbibed from their own country's oddities in the culinary line."

"Not long ago we got a new Chinaman as cook. A couple of days later one of the fellows got a pedigreed Irish terrier pup given to him—a real dog. My friend had to go up to one of the mines that afternoon, and he turned the puppy over to the new Chinaman. 'You be mighty careful of this dog,' he said to the cook. 'Me be heap careful,' was the answer."

"That night, at dinner, the new Chinaman brought on, with great ceremony, a covered dish."

"'Me heap careful,' he remarked, as, with a smile of pride, he removed the cover."

"Underneath was the pedigreed pup, neatly cooked in the best Chinese style."

Murmur of a Misanthrope.

"Can't you get the telephone to answer?"

"No," replied Mr. Growcher. "The operator is one woman I'd like to meet. She doesn't show the slightest disposition to talk back."

Maw Was a False Prophet.

"Now, Tommy," said his ma, "if you eat any of that cake in the pantry it will make you sick."

"Say, ma," remarked Tommy an hour later, "you was dead wrong about that cake. It didn't make me sick at all."

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who blushed?

Coquettes are like weather vanes—only fixed when they become rusty.

Whom the gods would destroy they first induce to marry foolishly.

Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown—of false hair.

Food Values

depend upon what the food supplies to the body.

Body and brain—particularly the latter—need certain elements often lacking in one's every-day diet.

Among these elements is the brain and nerve building phosphate of potash, not the kind that you buy at the drug store, but the true organic form as grown in the field grains, wheat and barley.

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